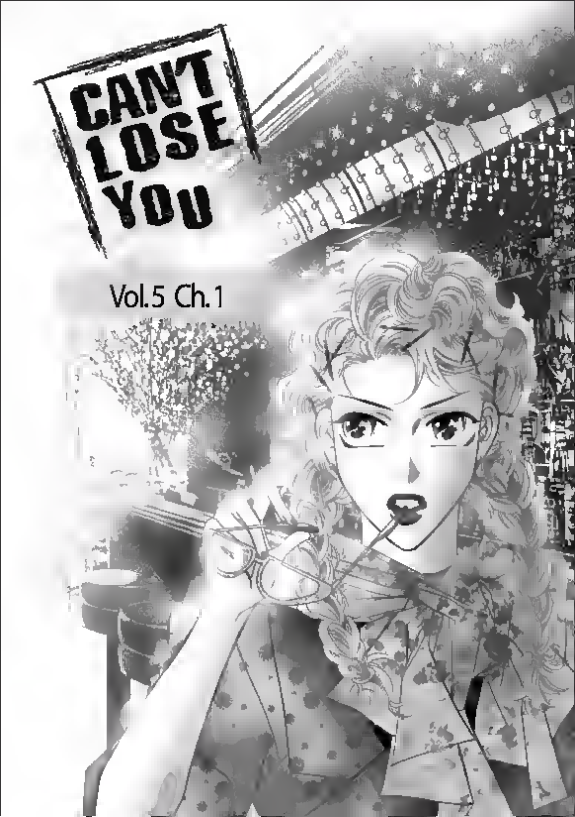
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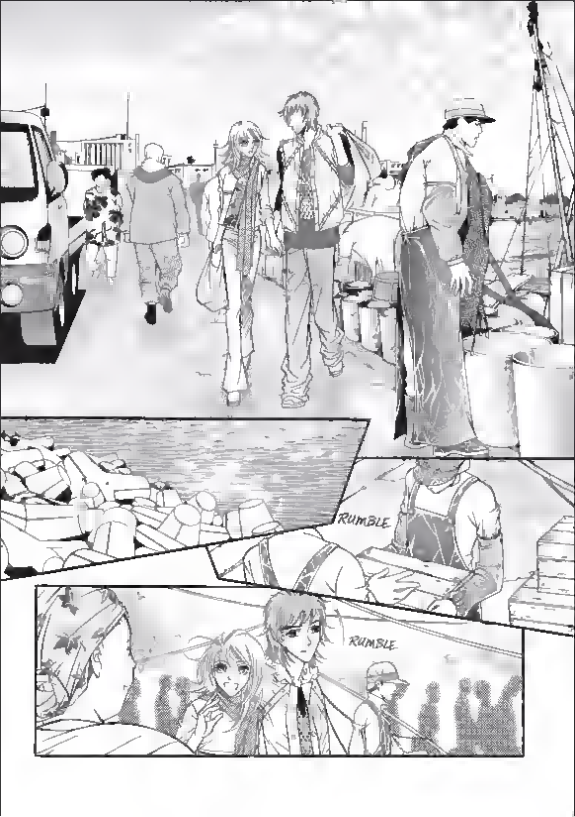
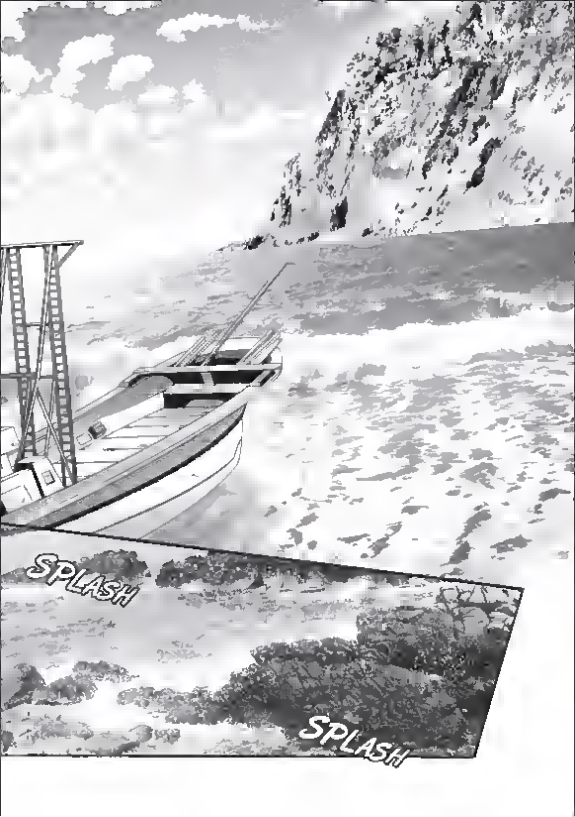
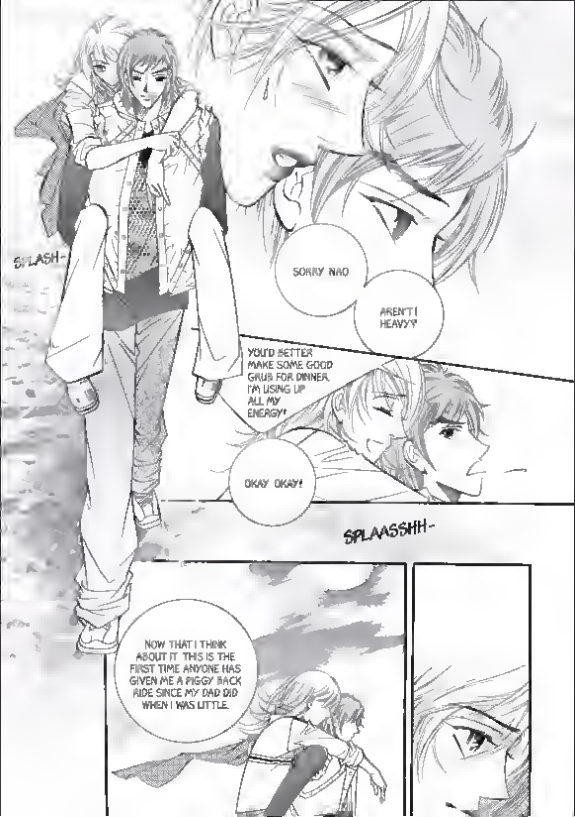
25. TWO OF THEM


RUMBLE
RUMBLE

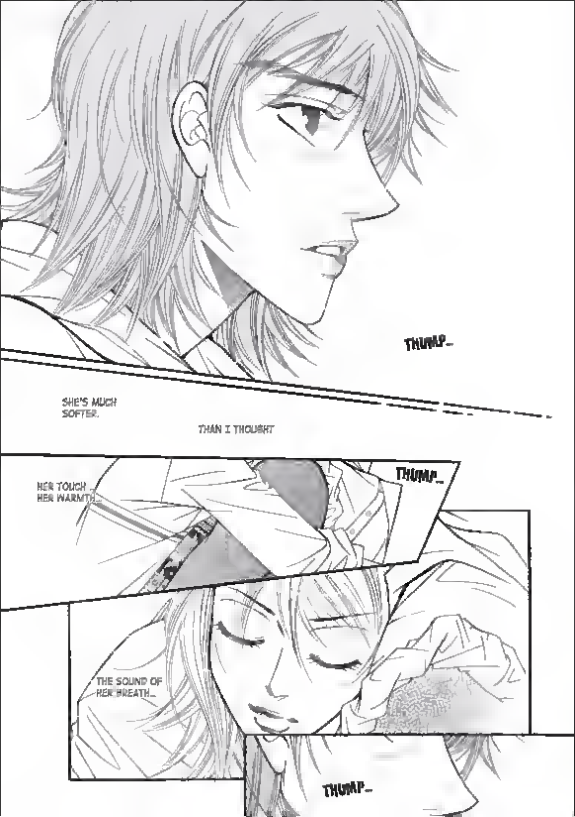
HEY- NAO NARA
ARE YOU GUYS OUT SHOPPING?
AH HELLO CAPTAIN HAH
YOU PLAN TO STICK AROUND FOR AWHILE THIS TIME?
YEAH, FOR AWHILE. LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY JOBS FOR ME.
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE AVAILABLE.
I'M SHORTHANDED AND I COULD DEFINITELY USE A STRONG YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU!
SAIL ON MY BOAT STARTING TOMORROW!
HAHA... THANK YOU.
YOU'RE GOING TO YEWOO ISLAND RIGHT? HOP ON I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.


SPLASH
SPLASH

OUCH!
SPLAASSHH-
YOU ALRIGHT? WHAT HAPPENED...?
IT LOOKS LIKE AN OCTOPUS HOLE.
DARN...
I THINK I SPRAINED MY ANKLE.
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN WALK?


SORRY NAO
AREN'T I HEAVY?
SPLASH-
YOU'D BETTER MAKE SOME GOOD GRUB FOR DINNER. I'M USING UP ALL MY ENERGY!
OKAY OKAY!
SPLAASSHH-
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS GIVEN ME A PIGGY BACK RIDE SINCE MY DAD DID WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

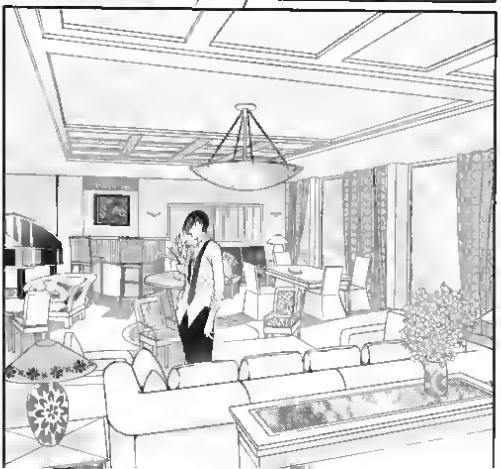
IT'S SO BROAD
SPLASH-
SPLASH-


THUMP...
SHE'S MUCH SOFTER.
THAN I THOUGHT
HER TOUCH... HER WARMTH...
THUMP...
THE SOUND OF HER BREATH...
THUMP...

DAMN !!
TA DA DA
EFE NAO! WHY ARE YOU RUNNING? SLOW DOWN...
I GOTTA GO YOU LITTLE BABY!
I FEEL SICK!
TADADA
I SAID I GOTTA GO!

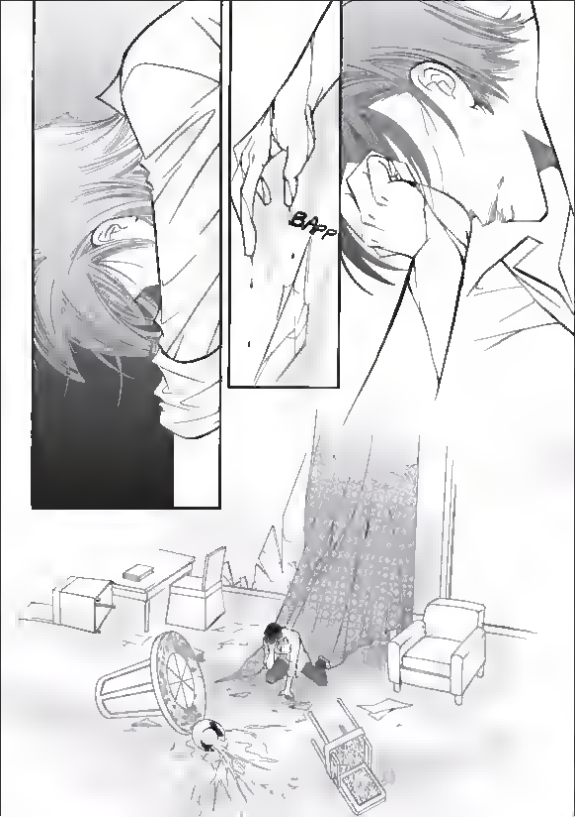
I'M SORRY
WE DON'T THINK
WE'D HAVE SUCH
A HARD TIME FINDING
ONE GIRL...
PLEASE GIVE US MORE
TIME! IT'S YOUR
REQUEST, MR. CO.
WE'LL FIND HER
NO MATTER WHAT!
...I DON'T CARE
HOW MUCH
IT COSTS.
MAKE SURE...
YOU FIND HER!

TTOOO...



PA-CHHANG
AAHHH...
AAACCK!!

AAACCKK!
RRRIIIIP


BAPP

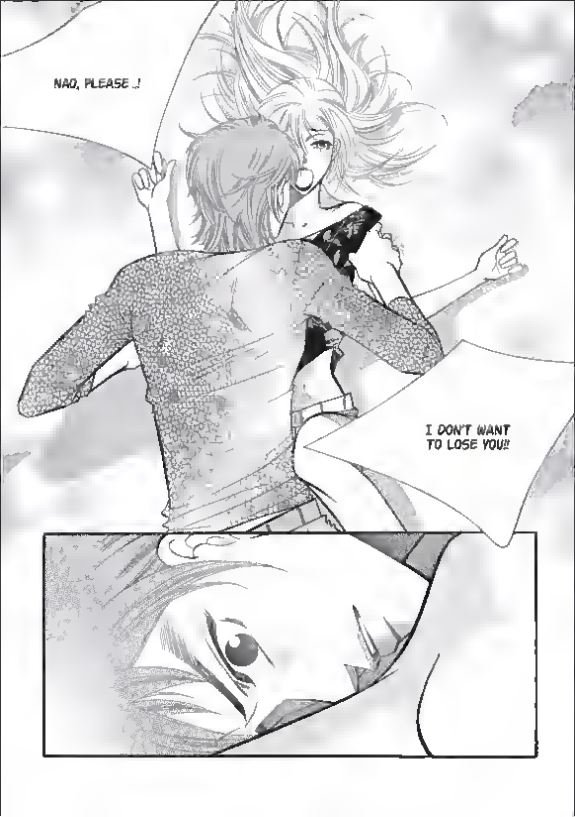
DRRRK

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THAT NECKLACE.
IF YOU KEEP IT, THEY'LL FIND YOU!
IT... IT'S BROKEN. SO IT'S OKAY!
THEN...
WHY DO YOU STILL HAVE IT?

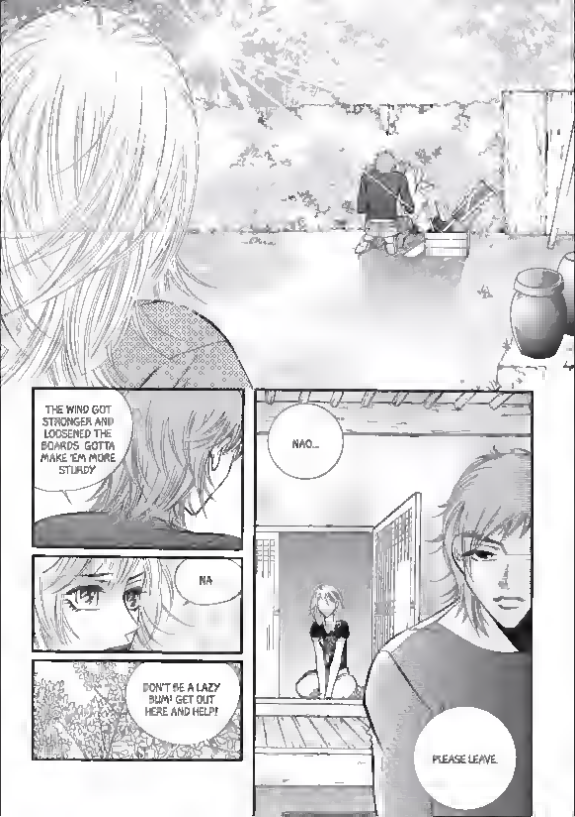
KYAAAHH!

STOP...
STOP IT...!
THAT JERK WAS PROBABLY OVER YOU A LONG TIME AGO!
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE A STUPID LITTLE GIRL, STILL CRAZY OVER HIM AND ALL?!
YOU THINK... YOU CAN SEE THAT BASTARD AGAIN!


NAO, PLEASE ..!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!!

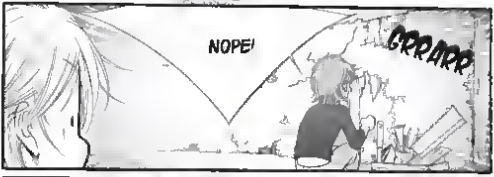
DAMN!
SHIT!
PAT
SOB-!
YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FINE THEN?
IF YOU JUST CLOSED YOUR EYES AND PRETENDED NOT TO SEE?
I'M HORRIBLE...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...

I'M THE MOST PATHETIC FOOL
IN THE WORLD
CLANG
RUSTLE
CRACK


THE WIND GOT STRONGER AND LOOSENED THE BOARDS. GOTTA MAKE 'EM MORE STURDY.
NA
DON'T BE A LAZY BUM! GET OUT HERE AND HELP!
NAO...
PLEASE LEAVE.

IT WAS UNPOSSIBLE FROM THE BEGINNING

PLEASE...
DON'T TURN ME INTO A WORSE PERSON AND...


NOPE!
GRRARR

THIS AIN'T YOUR HOUSE! I FOUND IT AND FIXED IT UP TO MAKE IT COMFY...
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
AND YOU DARE KICK OUT YOUR BEST FRIEND? SHAME ON YOU!

STOP YOUR YAPPING AND GO GET ME SOME ROPE FROM THE STORAGE.
NAO...

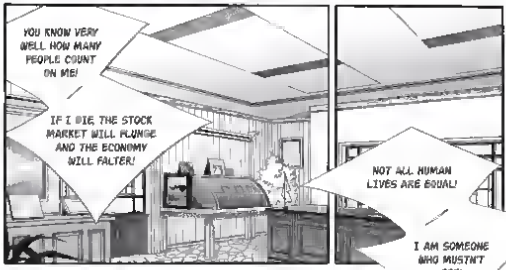
NOW! YOU GOT LEGS, DON'T YOU? USE 'EM
OKAY...
TA DA DA

ARGH, I CAN'T STAND IT, A PAGE LIKE THIS.
ONLY A BATTLE-ABUSE MAN AND ANOTHER EVEN OLDER...
I DON'T FEEL LIKE DRAWING... T T

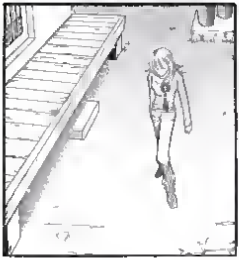
WHAT?!
UN... UNBELIEVABLE! HE WAS FINE!
WAS IT AN ACCIDENT?
THIS WILL BRING CHAOS TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY...!
THUMP
IT IS AS MADAME RYU PROPHESIED...
NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE
OR UNBELIEVABLE IT SOUNDS.
MADAME RYU'S PROPHECIES ALWAYS COME TRUE.

SO, WHY CAN'T YOU FIND THAT GIRL!?
WE ARE DOING...
OUR BEST BUT..

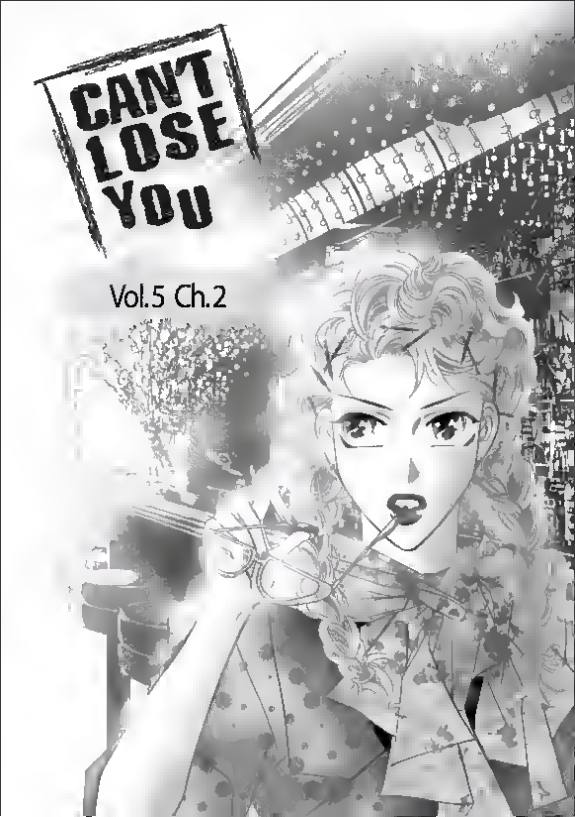
I STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!
GRRIIINND


YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW MANY PEOPLE COUNT ON ME!
IF I DIE THE STOCK MARKET WILL PLUNGE AND THE ECONOMY WILL FALTER!
NOT ALL HUMAN LIVES ARE EQUAL!
I AM SOMEONE WHO MUSTN'T DIE!

*KYOKUSHIN: A STYLE OF STAND UP FULL CONTACT KARATE FOUNDED BY MASUTATSU OYAMA (BORN CHOI YEONG EUI IN SOUTHERN KOREA) IN 1964.



SNOW....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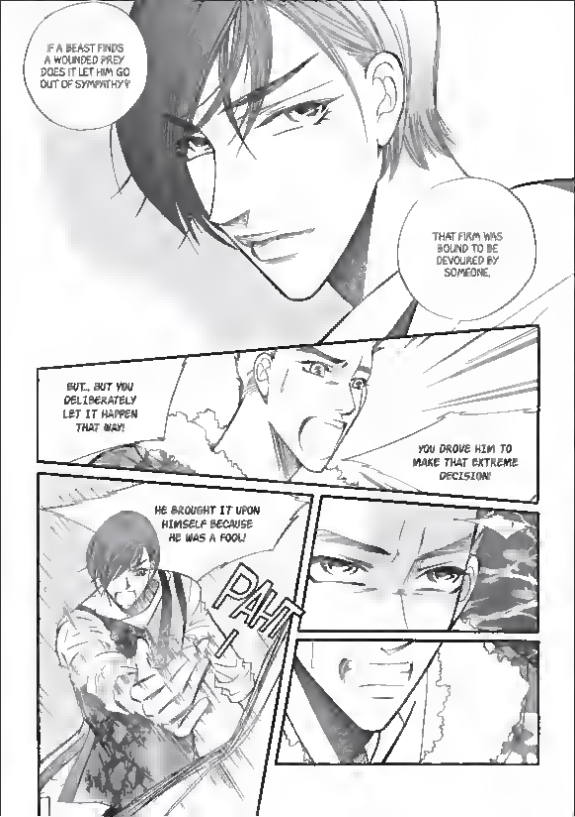
26. LIKE A WOUNDED BEAST

SNOW ...
WHAM
PAT
READ IT!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT!
THE CEO OF THAT LITTLE COMPANY YOU BANKRUPTED
ENDED UP KILLING HIMSELF!
LAST NIGHT IN HIS FACTORY!

GAON IS A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER IN MANY COMPANIES AND IS IN FACT WEALTHIER THAN HIS FATHER. HIS MOTHER, WHO WAS THE HEIRESS OF HER JAEBUL* FAMILY FORTUNE, PASSED HER WEALTH TO HIM WHEN SHE DIED
SHHFF
SENATOR GIL'S LEGAL POLITICAL FUND ACTUALLY COMES FROM GAON
DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT? YOU COULD'VE PREVENTED IT!
AND WHY SHOULD I HAVE DONE THAT?
JAEBUL, A CONGLOMERATE OF MANY COMPANIES CLUSTERED AROUND ONE PARENT COMPANY
THE TERM REFERS TO THE SEVERAL DOZEN LARGE, FAMILY-CONTROLLED KOREAN CORPORATE GROUPS AND MEANS BIGGEST KIND GROUP OF PLUTOCRAT
...
I DIDN'T DIG THE TRAP FOR HIM. HE RUINED HIMSELF ON HIS OWN.


IF A BEAST FINDS A WOUNDED PREY DOES IT LET HIM GO OUT OF SYMPATHY?
THAT FIRM WAS BOUND TO BE DEVOURED BY SOMEONE.
BUT... BUT YOU DELIBERATELY LET IT HAPPEN THAT WAY!
YOU DROVE HIM TO MAKE THAT EXTREME DECISION!
HE BROUGHT IT UPON HIMSELF BECAUSE HE WAS A FOOL!
PAH!

HE WOULDN'T HAVE DIED IF YOU'D ONLY REACHED OUT YOUR HAND A LITTLE...
DOESN'T THAT...
BOTHER YOU EVEN A LITTLE BIT?
DOESN'T IT HAUNT YOU?
CLIMP
DON'T EVER BARK AT ME FOR SOME USELESS THING AGAIN.
MY HEAD'S RINGING

PU THE JACKSON CENTER
AAAAAHHH!!

GRIP
ACK!
THUNK
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO SENT YOU...?

YOU...
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT MY DAD...!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
THE DEAD CEO'S SON?
STUMP

WA... WAIT! YOU'RE JUST GONNA HAND HIM OVER TO THE POLICE LIKE THAT?
WHY NOT?
HE'S JUST A KID!
HE ATTACKED SOMEONE WITH A KNIFE.
THEY'LL SET HIM STRAIGHT
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

SNATCH
YOU'RE BEING TOO RECKLESS!
IT USED TO BE THAT I COULDN'T EVEN FIND ONE SMALL CHINK IN YOUR ARMOR.
BUT NOW... YOU'RE BURNING BRIDGES LIKE A MAD MAN.
EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'LL SNAP IF YOU GET TOO STRONG!

WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO HOLD GRUDGES AGAINST YOU.
THE GAON THAT I USED TO KNOW DIDN'T MAKE ANY UNNECESSARY ENEMIES.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO BY FEEDING THEIR HATRED? YOU WANNA BE SWALLOWED UP BY THAT HATRED?
...IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'LL JUST WIPE THEM ALL OUT!
WHOEVER GETS IN MY WAY OR HOLDS ME BACK. I'LL CRUSH THEM ALL.
I'LL CRUSH THEM INTO PIECES... THEN MOVE FORWARD AND FORWARD

...WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
THIS IS WHO I AM!
DO YOU EVEN LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR?
YOUR ONCE ARROGANT EYES NOW LOOK FRIGHTENINGLY DARK.
YOU'RE LIKE A WOUNDED BEAST THAT'S RAVING WITH FURY
IT MAY BITE AND KILL EVERYTHING THAT IT ENCOUNTERS
BUT IT WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE ITS STRENGTH AND FALL.
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT— FOR ME TO FALL?

YOU'RE ONE OF THEM WHO WANTS TO STAB MY DEAD BODY
I DON'T HAVE WHAT PEOPLE CALL FRIENDS.
ANYWAY, ONE LESS DEBT FOR YOU TO REPAY
CONGRATULA-TIONS
WHY...?
BACK THEN...
WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU

YOU WERE OBNOXIOUS...

BUT YOU WERE ALSO SHINING MAJESTICALLY

JEDI YOGA

WHY THE HELL IS IT? HE'S NOT A POLITICALLY POWERFUL FIGURE OR A BILLIONAIRE. HE'S JUST A LITTLE KID...

BUT THEY WANT ME TO SHOOT HIM

HE'S GOT A MOVIE STAR FACE

BUT THERE'S... NOTHING I CAN DO

DON'T HATE ME, PRETTY BO...

HE CAN'T...
KNOW THAT I WAS AIMING AT HIM...!

KATRANG
STOMP
YOU... YOU?!

NAME, RIM CHOI
AGE, 23.

A SPECIAL FORCES AGENT WITH EXCEPTIONAL SKILLS.

SO HOW DID HE END UP BEING A HIRE ASSASSIN FOR THE MOB?

YEAH, I KNOW YOUR ONE AND ONLY OLDER BROTHER LUXURY FOREIGN CARS AND GIRLS... I'M SURE HE WAS ECSTATIC. BUT HE GOT DEEP INTO CREDIT CARD DEBT THEN HE STUPIDLY BORROWED MONEY FROM CRIMINALS

BY THE TIME YOU FOUND OUT THE DEBT WAS SO ENORMOUS THAT HE'D EVEN SIGNED OVER THE RIGHTS TO HIS BODY PARTS

THEY PROBABLY PROMISED TO LET YOUR BROTHER LIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR YOU KILLING ME, RIGHT?

THE BASTARD ALREADY KNEW EVERYTHING AND WAS BOLD ENOUGH TO USE HIMSELF AS BAIT TO DRAW ME IN ALL TO ERADICATE HIS ENEMIES

...BUT, HE GOT ME OUT

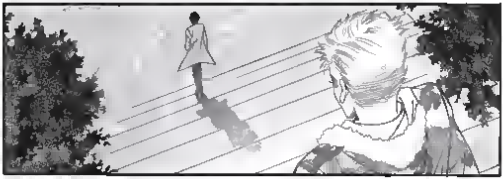
LISTEN...
I WANT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU.

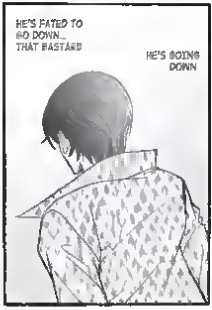
Y ENEMIES,
BASTARDS
CRED YOU. I NEED
LED BODYGUARD
SINCE YOU OWE ME YOUR LIFE... PAY IT BACK NINE TIMES
THEN I'LL GIVE YOU BACK YOUR FREEDOM.
BUT... WHY NINE TIMES?
WELL, THEY SAY CATS HAVE NINE LIVES. I'F GURE I HAVE JUST AS MUCH BAD LUCK.
HE WAS NOTHING BUT A LITTLE KID! A PRETTY BOY!
BUT I FELT A CHILL AS I LOOKED AT HIM MAKING A JOKE WITH THAT CRUEL SMILE.

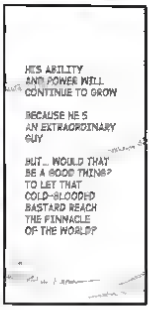
IT FELT AS IF I HAD TAKEN A SHOT OF LIQUOR THAT TRIGGERS BOTH DISGUST AND ECSTASY!

BUT...

NOW...







THAT MUSTN'T HAPPEN

I WON'T LET IT!

...I WILL KILL HIM!

I WILL SURELY KILL YOU

WITH MY TWO HANDS..!

STUMP

STUMP

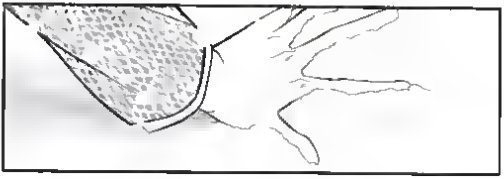
SINCE WHEN WAS IT...?
THE WORLD HAS BEGINNING TO TURN GRAY... TO HARDEN
EVERYTHING'S SO DRY AND SPITEFUL.
PEOPLE HAVE ALSO TURNED INTO FACELESS GRAY SHADOWS... THEY'RE CRUMBLING WHOLE
I THINK... I'M ALSO TURNING TO STONE.

YOO... YOOI!
YOOI... KANG!

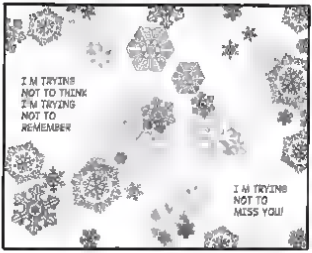
WOW! A HOTTIE!
FLOP

I'M TURNING TO STONE...

IT'S BECAUSE I'M TRYING HARD TO BE NUMB



BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO RIP OUT ALL EMOTIONS OUT OF MY SYSTEM!



MY HEART FEELS LIKE
IT S TEARING APART

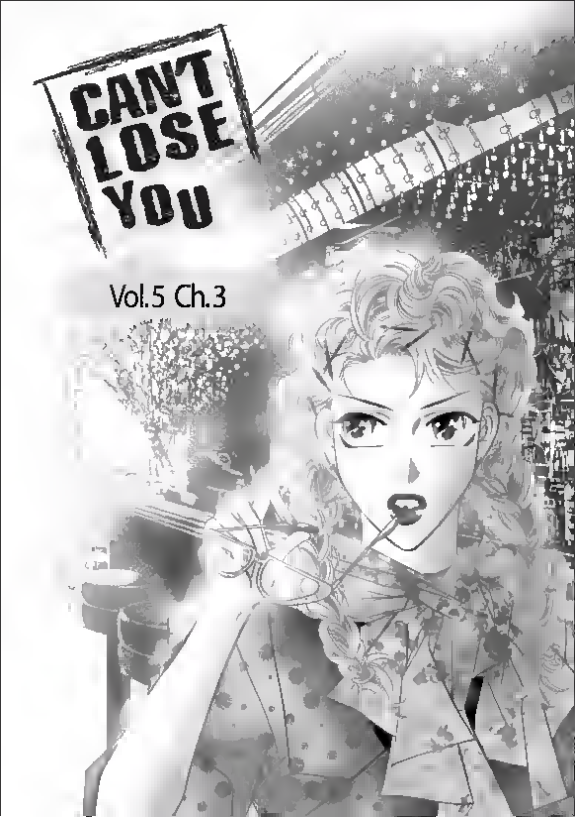
EACH BREATH I TAKE FEELS
LIKE THE STAB OF A KNIFE
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!

BUT STILL...

EVEN WHEN I BURY ALL MY EMOTIONS
AND JUST RUSH THROUGH LIFE...

I'M GOING MAD!

I'M GOING MAD
BECAUSE I MISS YOU!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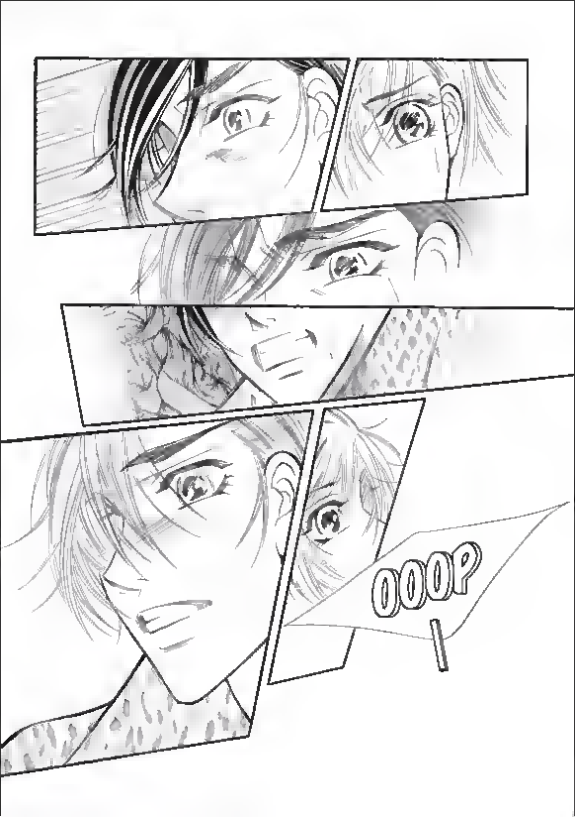
27. UNHEALING BROKEN HEART

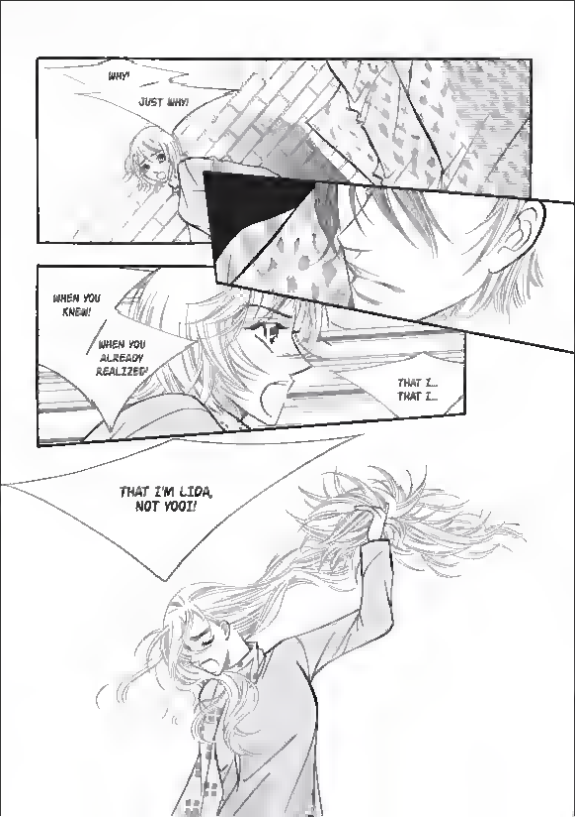
YEAH...
...THAT WAS
THE FIRST TIME

NO...
. NO ..
IT CAN'T BE !

GRAB


OOOP

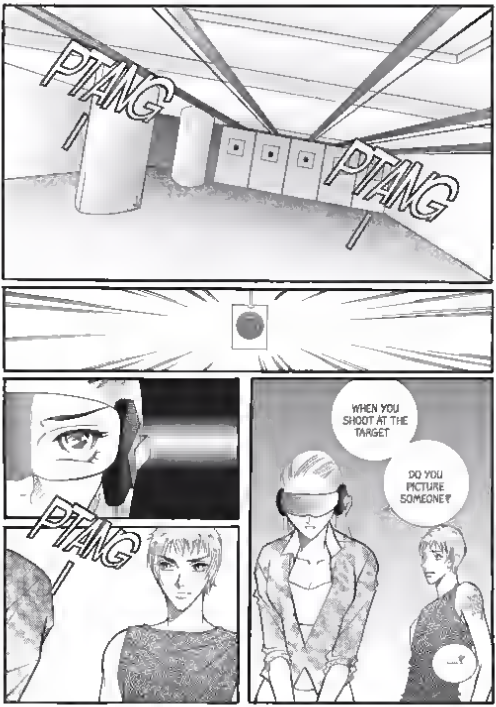
THWAP


WHY?
JUST WHY!
WHEN YOU KNEW!
WHEN YOU ALREADY REALIZED!
THAT I... THAT I...
THAT I'M LIDA, NOT YOO!!

PSH
PSH
PSH
HA HA HA HA
DID YOU WANT TO PRETEND THAT I WAS HER, EVEN JUST FOR A MOMENT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW, YOU WANTED TO BE FOOLED? IS THAT IT?

THAT WAS A LOW BLOW LIDA YOO
BUT YOUR HEART POUNDS WHEN YOU SEE ME, RIGHT?
I KNOW THAT YOU WANT ME SOMETIMES.
BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT IT'S NOT MY FACE THAT YOU'RE SEEING WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME THAT WAY!
YEAH, IT'S THE SAME FACE. I GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN A PICTURE!
SO, WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT IT?!

I'D LIKE TO KNOW...
THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION TOO
WHY IT'S HER.
WHY... IT CAN'T BE ANYONE ELSE BUT HER.
PTANG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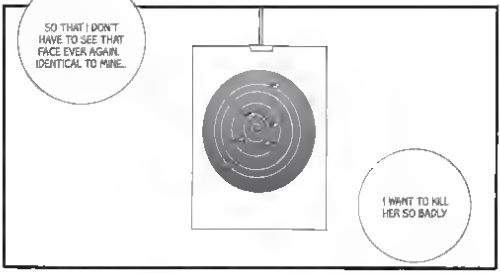
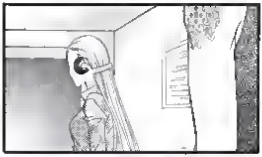
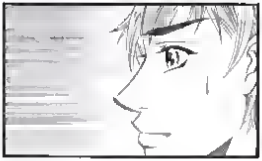
WHEN YOU SHOOT AT THE TARGET
DO YOU PICTURE SOMEONE?
...?

I PICTURE.
YOOI KANG
WHUUMP
I WANT TO SEE HER.
I WANT TO HOLD HER AND CALL HER SISTER FOR ONCE.
BUT I ALSO WANT TO... KILL HER
DRRRMP
DRRRMP

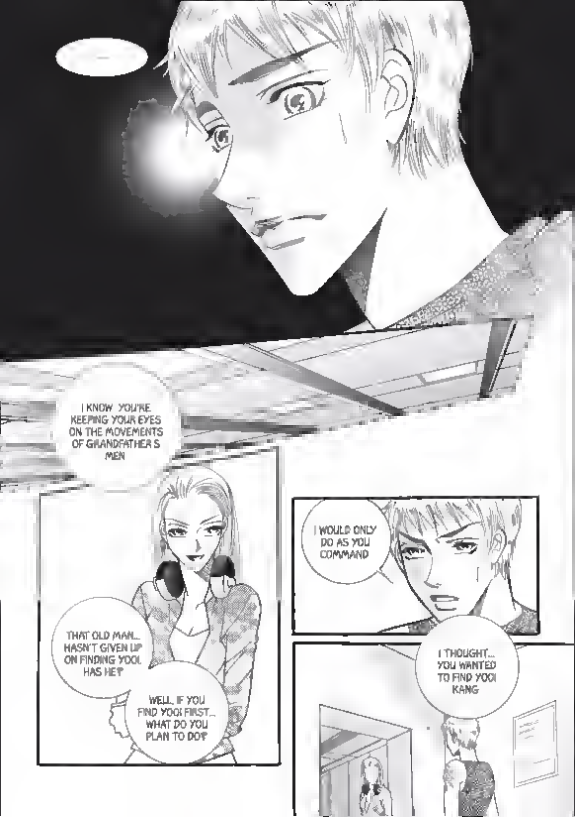

SO THAT I DON'T HAVE TO SEE THAT FACE EVER AGAIN. IDENTICAL TO MINE..
I WANT TO KILL HER SO BADLY

BOTH DESIRES ARE SO STRONG...
THAT I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS MY TRUE FEELING

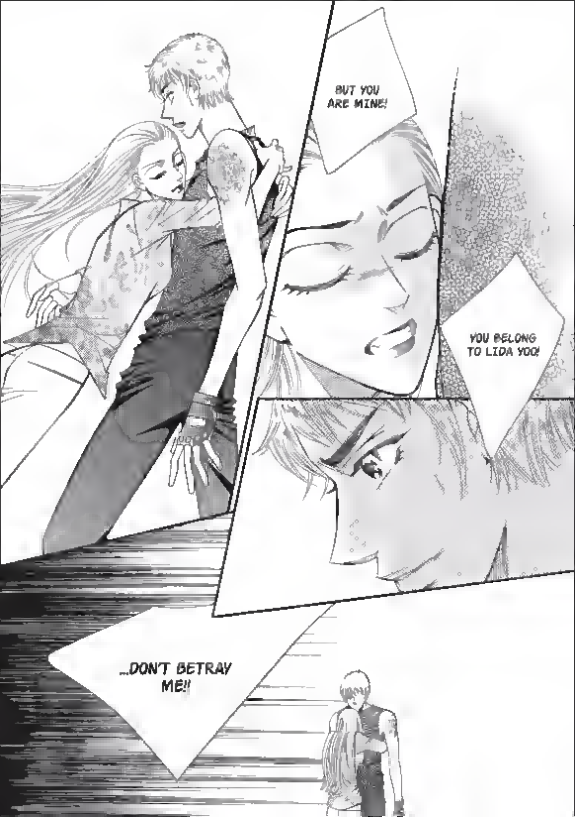


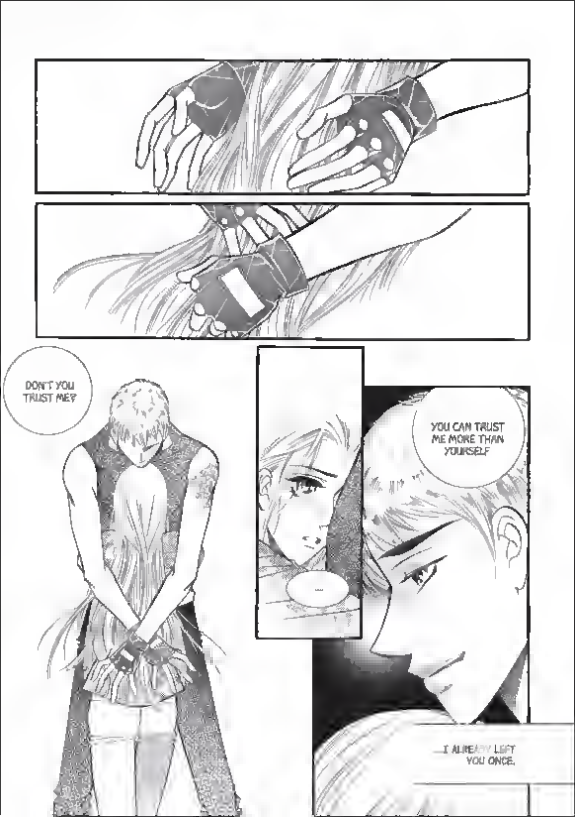


IF I KILL YOOI KANG...
I WONDER IF YOU'D STILL BE ON MY SIDE.


I KNOW YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR EYES ON THE MOVEMENTS OF GRANDFATHER'S MEN
THAT OLD MAN... HASN'T GIVEN UP ON FINDING YOOI HAS HE?
WELL... IF YOU FIND YOOI FIRST... WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
I WOULD ONLY DO AS YOU COMMAND
I THOUGHT... YOU WANTED TO FIND YOOI KANG

DID I EVER GIVE YOU SUCH AN ORDER?
HUFF
CLACK
WHEN I PICTURE YOOI AND SHOOT AT THE TARGET
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE MOST HORRIBLE THING IS?
ALL OF A SUDDEN,
THAT PERSON TURNS INTO ME.
I DON'T KNOW IF THE PERSON I HATE
IS YOOI OR ME.


BUT YOU ARE MINE!
YOU BELONG TO LIDA YOO!
...DON'T BETRAY ME!!

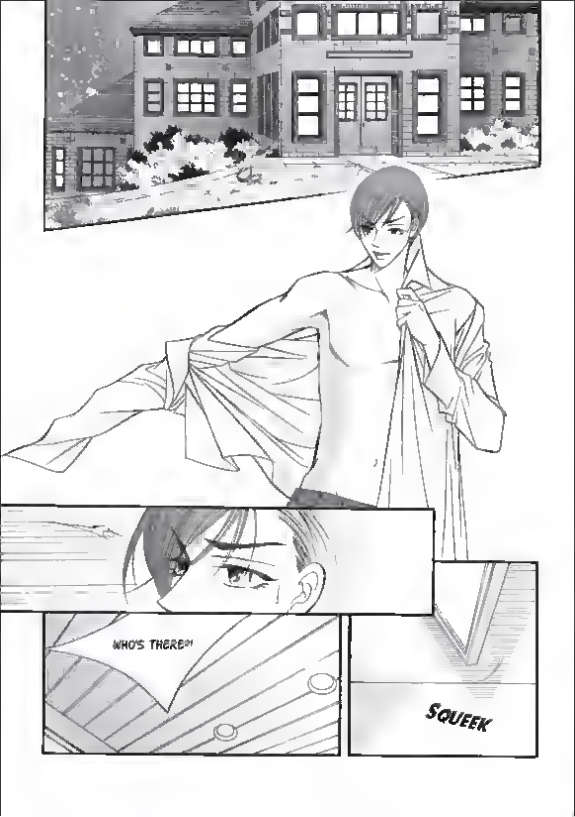

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?
YOU CAN TRUST ME MORE THAN YOURSELF
...
...I ALREADY LEFT YOU ONCE.

TO ME YOU ARE LIFE ITSELF
I FOUND THAT OUT THE HARD WAY
I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN EVER AGAIN!
NEVER!
BUT...
SHE STILL REMAINS INSIDE ME LIKE A THORN... PRICKING ME FROM THE INSIDE.
LIKE A TERRIBLE HEARTACHE THAT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND OR ACCEPT

IT'S DEFINITELY HER!

YOU REALLY FOUND HER, CHAIRMAN SUH!
SHE HID HERSELF UNDER THE NAME NARA SUH.
IT MAY HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR HER TO HIDE ON A REMOTE ISLAND BUT FOR US IT WILL BE EASY TO ELIMINATE HER THERE WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE.
WILL YOU... REALLY DO IT?
IT'S WHAT CHAIRMAN YOO WANTS, ISN'T IT?
I WILL TAKE MY MEN.
I WON'T LEAVE ANY EVIDENCE.

WE'LL LEAVE AT DAWN. MOVE IT!
YONGGEUN WILL PREPARE THE EQUIPMENT. YOU, CONTACT THAT SIDE!
YES, MR. CHAIRMAN!


WHO'S THERE?!
SQUEEK

YOU !
...YEWOO ISLAND ON THE SOUTHERN SEA.
IT'S A REMOTE ISLAND THAT'S NOT EVEN ON THE MAP
WHAT?

THAT'S WHERE...
YOO! KANG IS.
CHAIRMAN YOO UNLEASHED THE KYOKUSHIN GANG TO LOOK FOR HER.
YOU MUST GET THERE FIRST

KIM CHOI? GET HERE NOW!

I NEED A JEEP! AND SOME WEAPONS...

CLICK

MEANWH...

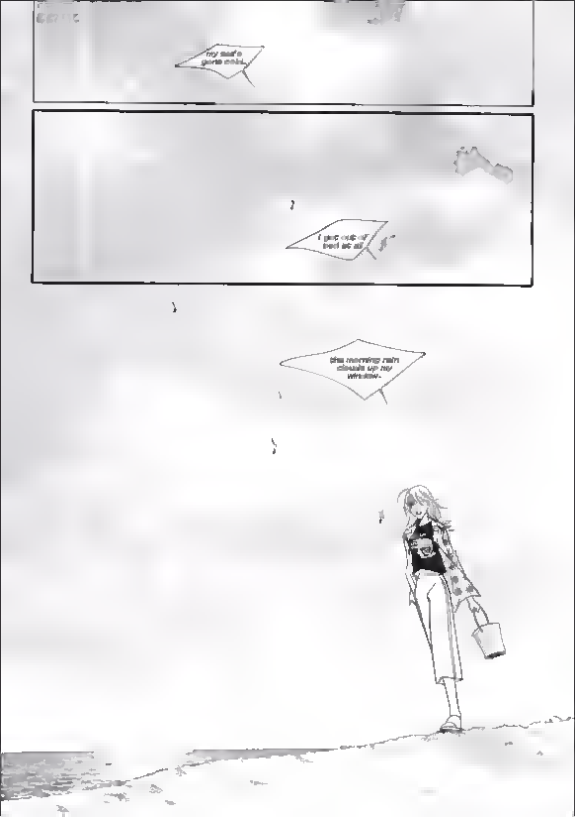
BUT WHY ARE YOU ?

...I DON'T KNOW

WHAT?
WHEN I THINK OF HER, I JUST BECOME RESTLESS.
YOU...
DOES HE ALSO...
I ACT LIKE SOMEONE ELSE WITHOUT KNOWING IT
YOU'LL RESCUE HER NO MATTER WHAT, RIGHT?
SO I CAN LEAVE IT TO YOU...
.....

WON'T YOU GO WITH ME?
SOMEONE WITH YOUR SKILL WOULD BE A BIG HELP
...I CAN'T
I CAN'T GO WITHOUT... LIDA'S COMMAND
LIDA IS MY ONLY MASTER.

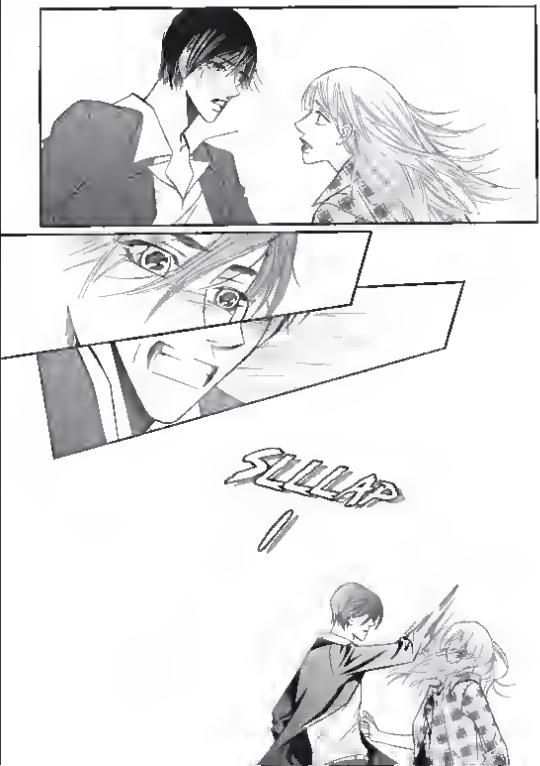
BUT YOU CARE ABOUT YOO!
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL! AND I M NOT HER MAN!
I CAN'T GO!
I MUSTN'T GO!
DO ME ONE FAVOR AT LEAST....
DON'T LET THAT POOR GIRL DIE.
EVEN THE LAST DROP OF MY BLOOD BELONGS TO LIDA!


my sad's gone cold.
I got out of bed at all
the morning rain clouds up my window.

SPLASSHH
SPLASSHH
CRUMMB-

28. REUNION

TUNAP
AHHH...


SLLLAP

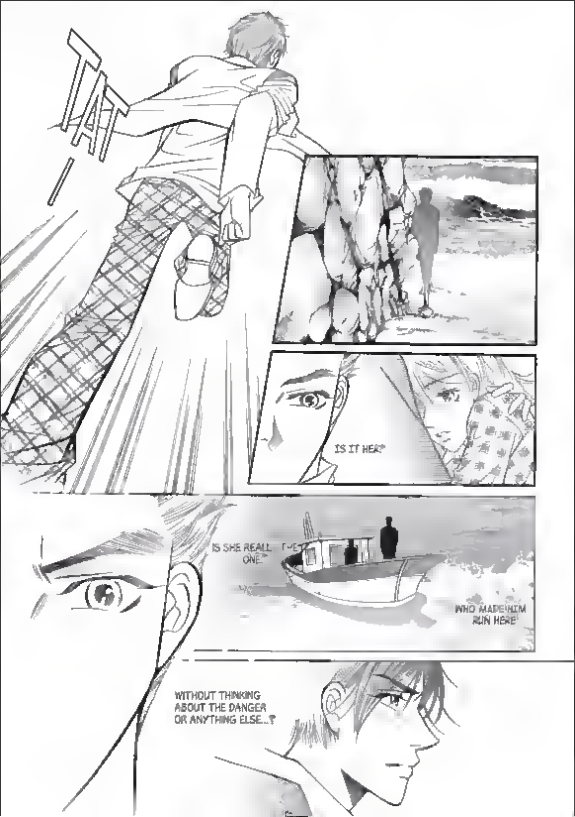
HA-AH
WHHAAANGG

YOU CRUEL GIRL.!
SOB...
WHAP

I MISSED YOU SO MUCH I THOUGHT I WOULD DIE!

SPLASHH!
SPLASHH-
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
HALT
SPLASHH-

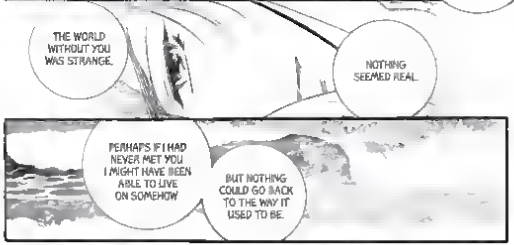
SPLASHH-
TAT


TAT
IS IT HER?
IS SHE REALLY ONE?
WHO MADE HIM RUN HERE
WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE DANGER OR ANYTHING ELSE...?

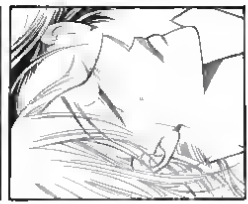
HE'S SO RESTLESS I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS
IS IT REALLY GAON SIL IN FRONT OF ME?!
THIS FEELS MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY OTHER TIME.
LET ME JUST FINISH HOLDING THE BOMB MYSELF.
I COULDN'T EVEN BREATHE.
MY PAIN WOULDN'T SUBSIDE EVEN A LITTLE BIT

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD FORGET ABOUT ME.

I TRIED TO FORGET
SEVERAL TIMES... I THOUGHT THAT I DID


THE WORLD WITHOUT YOU WAS STRANGE.
NOTHING SEEMED REAL.
PERHAPS IF I HAD NEVER MET YOU I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE ON SOMEHOW
BUT NOTHING COULD GO BACK TO THE WAY IT USED TO BE.

WHAT YOU DID TO ME WAS REALLY CRUEL.



DON'T EVER LEAVE ME AGAIN
BECAUSE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE ANYMORE.
MY HEART COULDN'T BEAR IT AND WOULD STOP BEATING

...DO YOU THINK I WAS FINE?

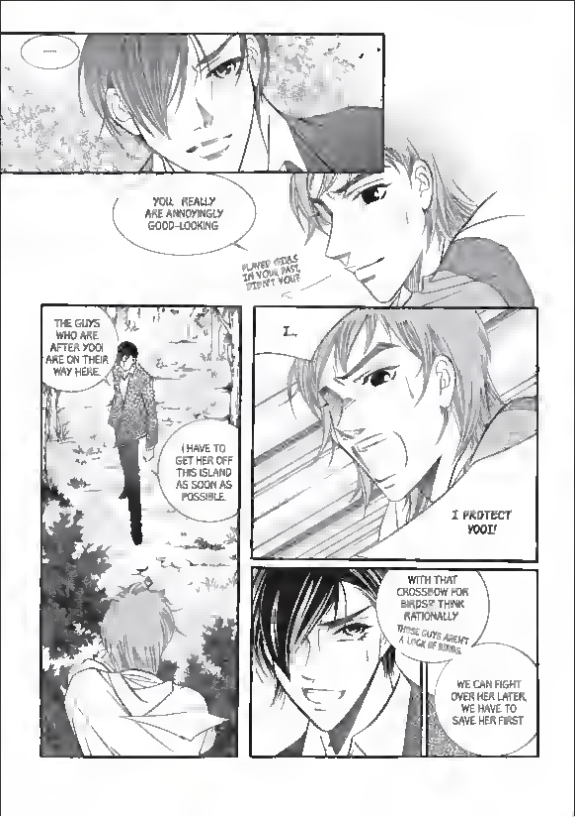
I DREAMED
EVERY NIGHT

EVERYONE SAID THAT I WAS USELESS. THAT THEY WANTED ME TO JUST DIE. BUT ONLY YOU SAID THAT YOU NEEDED ME.
THAT YOU NEEDED ONLY ME.
BUT WHEN I WOKE UP, I THOUGHT THAT IN REALITY THINGS WERE DIFFERENT. THAT YOU HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME, AND IT HURT

...THAT WASN'T A DREAM
PLEASE DON'T LET GO OF ME AGAIN. NEVER.
HOLD ONTO ME TIGHT!
I WON'T LEAVE YOUR SIDE AGAIN... EVER. !!
SCHHHHAAA

WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM BEHIND
HE'LL BE HOME. I'LL GO AND GET HIM.
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO FIND HIM?
BUT...
HEH.
GRRRRRR
DID YOU SAY YOU LIVED WITH HIM FOR A WHOLE YEAR?
BRRR
BRRR
TAK TAK TAK TAK
PBT
CHAKT

DON'T MOVE.
IT'S A CROSSBOW FOR SHOOTING BIRDS. BUT IT CAN KILL A MAN TOO
IS IT YOU?
YOO'S PRAISEWORTHY GUARDIAN?
I PROTECTED HER. CARED FOR HER... AFTER YOU DAMAGED HER.
AND YOU THINK I WOULD HAND HER BACK TO A COLD-BLOODED BASTARD LIKE YOU?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YOU. REALLY ARE ANNOYINGLY GOOD-LOOKING
PLAYED GIRLS IN YOUR PAST, DIDN'T YOU?
THE GUYS WHO ARE AFTER YOO! ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE.
I HAVE TO GET HER OFF THIS ISLAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I...
I PROTECT YOO!
WITH THAT CROSSBOW FOR BIRDS? THINK RATIONALLY
THOSE GUYS AREN'T A LOCK OF BIRDS.
WE CAN FIGHT OVER HER LATER. WE HAVE TO SAVE HER FIRST

FIGHT?
SHE'S ALREADY MINE!
I HAD HER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE TOLD YOU, BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK NOTHING HAPPENS WHEN A MAN AND A WOMAN LIVE TOGETHER FOR OVER A YEAR?
HUFF
HUFF
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!
...SO WHAT?

UNTIL THE END OF TIME OR THE END OF THE EARTH YOO! IS MINE.
IF I LOSE HER, I FIND HER.
IF SHE'S STOLEN FROM ME, I GET HER BACK.
THAT'S ALL.
BECAUSE...
SHE ALWAYS COMES BACK TO ME!

IS THIS...

THE GUY THAT YOOI LOVES?

NAO!

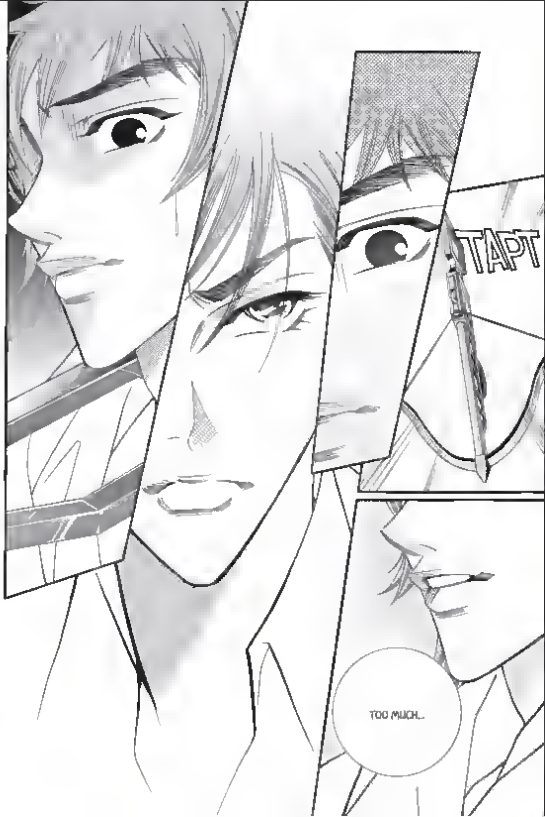
NAO!

HE'S NOT HOME? WHERE DID HE GO?

AND IF I KILL YOU RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW?

YOU STILL WON'T GIVE UP AND RUN AWAY?

HAVE YOU KILLED ANYTHING BIGGER THAN A BIRD WITH THAT THING?
I'M NOT TOO CONFIDENT ABOUT YOUR ABILITIES WITH THAT PATHETIC CROSSBOW
HERE. YOU'LL HAVE TO GET ME RIGHT HERE WITH ONE SHOT
FOOOSH
BECAUSE IF YOU SHOOT MY ARM OR LEG YOU'LL BE DEAD THE NEXT MOMENT
I WON'T LET ANYTHING INTERFERE WITH ME TAKING YOO! AWAY


TAPT
TOO MUCH...

YOU GUYS ARE TOO MUCH.
THIS IS THE GUY THAT YOOI LOVES
THIS IS THE GUY WHO DEVEN BE HAPPY TO DIE FOR HER.
THAT'S A GOOD THING
THAT HE'S A PRETTY GOOD GUY
SHIT! I'M DONE WITH THIS CRAP!

DOING SOMETHING STUPID LIKE LOOKING AFTER ANOTHER GUY'S GIRL!

I GOTTA LOOK FOR HIM QUICK. IN THE PLACES HE'LL LIKELY BE!

NAO

I'M SORRY...

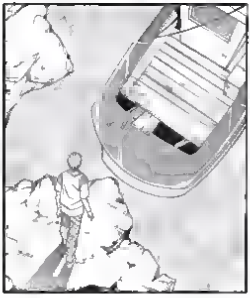
BY THE WAY!
I WAS LYING EARLIER!
YOU'S STILL UNTOUCHED!!
AWHUMP
HA
HA
HA
BAON.
NAO IS...
TADADA.

NAO ... I M SORRY

I'M SORRY

ISN'T THAT NAO WAVING OVER THERE?

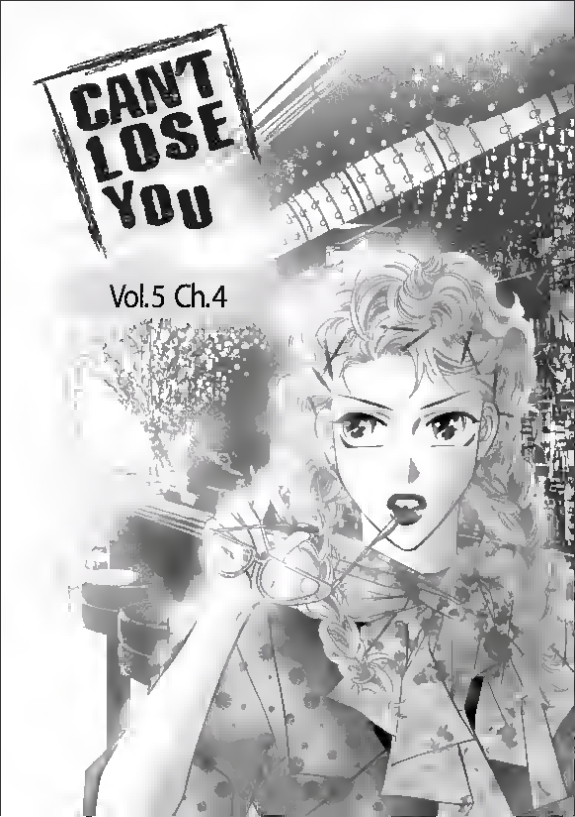
IT SEEMS TO BE URGENT
PARK THE BOAT



DONG
DONG
DONG

WHAT ABOUT NAKAI? WHY ARE YOU LEAVING BY YOURSELF? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

NOTHING IT JUST WORKED OUT THAT WAY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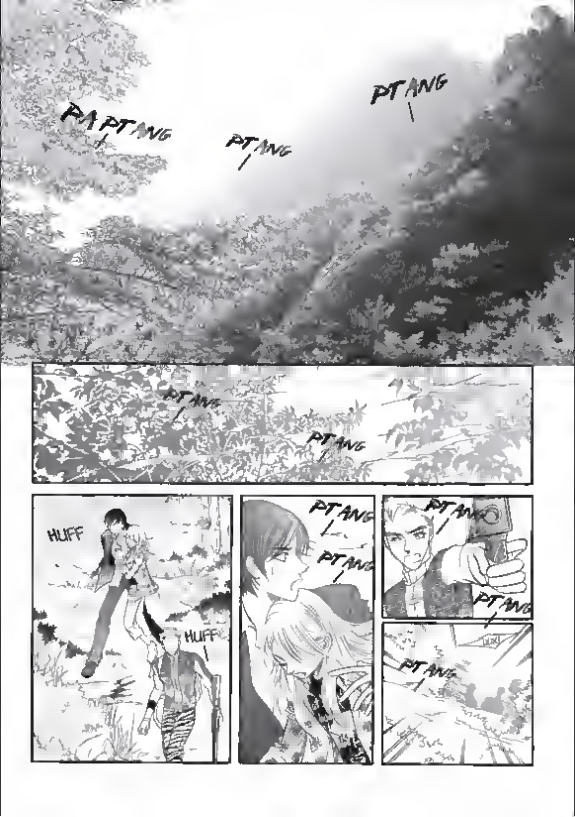

PA PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
HUFF
HUFF
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG

RUSTLE

PAT
PAT

DUNT
DUNT
DUNT
DUNT
DUNT

HEY DID YOU KNOW THAT THE OLD FART WOULD SEND AN ENTIRE ARMY LIKE THIS?
WE PROBABLY BROUGHT MORE PEOPLE LIKE THEM, YOU WERE TOO BUSY TO THINK!
CLIKK

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A BIT MUCH ALL TO CATCH ONE GIRL?
HOW MANY DO YOU THINK WERE THEY?
CHUNT

MY ROUGH GUESS IS THAT THERE ARE OVER TEN OF THEM.

THERE... THAT GREASY-HAIRED BASTARD IS THE BOSS.

YOU WERE IN THE GREAT SPECIAL FORCES. SO A FEW GANGSTERS SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU, RIGHT?

...

THAT'S WHAT THUGS DO, RUNNING ROUND IN GROUPS.

ALL TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR GIRL?

DO I LOOK LIKE RAYNA TO YOU?

AND THAT JERK OVER THERE...

I KNOW HIM. HIS NAME IS ISHIDA DAKESHI...

HE'S A PRO.

WHATEVER IT TAKES, WE HAVE TO GET TO THE SHORE WHERE OUR BOAT IS HIDDEN.
THAT WAS THE ONLY NEARBY PLACE TO PARK THE BOAT
EXCUSE ME DID YOU
COME BY THE EASTERN BAY WHERE THE CURRENT SLOWS DOWN?
THERE'S A SECRET CAVE TO THAT BAY
IF WE CAN JUST GET IN THERE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO FIND US.
WHERE IS IT?
YOU'RE RIGHT THE ENTRANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND
CARRY THE GIRL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CLIFF
UH YOU CAN CARRY HER, RIGHT?
YOU TAKING ME FOR A WIMP?
I'M NOT A PIG!

DO WHAT YOU CAN TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION
I'LL USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THIN THEM OUT
EVEN IF THEY PURSUE YOU DON'T SHOOT. YOU'LL REVEAL YOUR LOCATION TO THE OTHERS.
JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN.
LOOK FOR A CHANCE TO GET INSIDE THE CAVE. WE'LL MEET THERE.
SWOOOOOP
STAY PUT AND KEEP QUIET.
OKAY.
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK

TADADA
TADADA
HUFF
KEPH
SHAKE
SHAKE
FLOP

HUFF

POW
KEPH!
FLOP
TA DA DA

HAHA...
KYAAHHH

PHAAK
THUMP
STOMP

A WIMPY PRINCE CHARMING? HA!
WHAT ARE YOU CHUMPS DOING?!
WE'RE JUST HUNTING ONE LITTLE GIRL!
...WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE BEING HUNTED
WHAT?

THERE'S ONE REAL PLAYER OUT THERE.
I CAME ALONG THINKING THIS WAS A BORING JOB THAT JUST PAID WELL...
WHOOMP
IT'S FINALLY GETTING INTERESTING!
CHUNK
SIX MORE...
HUFF
HUFF
TO GO!

PA-PHAT
PHAT
PHAT
DING
THUMP
NAHA... MAN, IT WAS YOU!
...RIM... CHOI?
INTERESTING! IT'S REALLY GETTING INTERESTING!

SHIT WHY HIM?!

Drip

Drip

THE ROCKS ARE WET AND SLIPPERY

IT GOES UNDERWATER AT SUNDOWN.

WE CAN'T GO THROUGH IT NOW BECAUSE THE WATER IS HIGH.

THIS REMINDS ME OF THE TIME WE ESCAPED FROM THAT BOMB-COLLAPSED BASEMENT

WHY DO I ONLY HAVE UNPLEASANT MEMORIES WITH YOU

HEY, I'M SORRY!

IT'S THE SAME.
I'M STRONGER.
NO MATTER WHAT I MUST TAKE YOU BACK WITHOUT LETTING EVEN THE TIPS OF YOUR HAIR GET DAMAGED
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE.
SLIP-
AHHH!

TAK,
TA-TAK
HUFF
PTANG
PTANG

PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG

PTANG
KLICK
TIK
TIK
PAT
CHING

FRRUMMP
FRRUMMP

THUD
!!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
I HEARD YOU RETIRED YOU GOT RUSTY HUH?!
SHIT!
DIE!

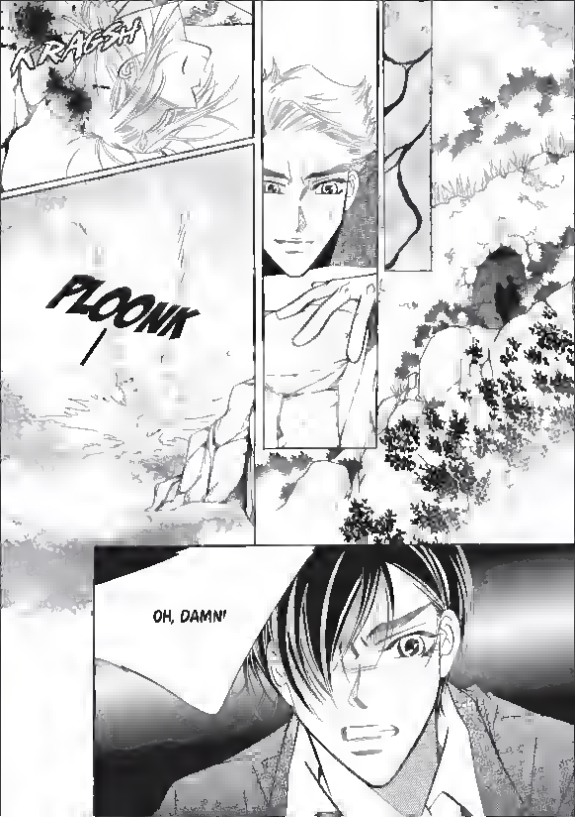
DONG DONG DONG
CAN'T YOU GO FASTER?
STOP BEING SO IMPATIENT
THIS IS THE ONLY BOAT I COULD GET LAST MINUTE AT THAT TINY PORT
...SHIT!
THIS... IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN YOU SO RESTLESS.
BUT YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I HAVE A CONTRACT WITH.
I'M GOING SINCE YOU'RE GOING, BUT...
DONG DONG
THAT GIRL'S LIFE ISN'T MY RESPONSIBILITY
I DON'T CARE. YOU GOT THAT?

TO ME, IT'S THE SAME.
...?
YOOI IS MY LIFE.
IF SHE DIES, I DIE TOO
YOU UNDERSTAND...?
JUST FINISH THIS ONE FOR ME.
THEN OUR CONTRACT IS OVER.
YOU'LL BE FREE TO GO
ENDING THE CONTRACT... DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
I KNOW BUT...

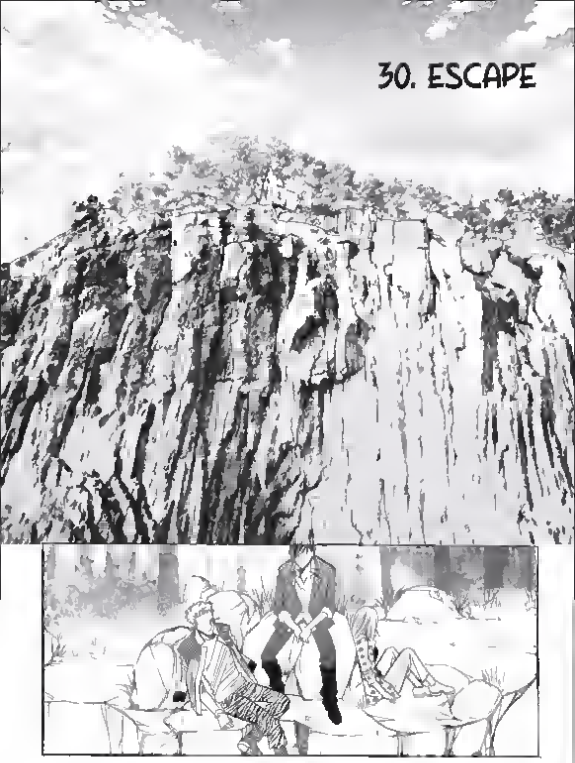
IF ON THAT ISLAND RIM CHO!
DONG DONG DONG
YOO! AND I ARE IN DANGER AT THE SAME TIME...
LEAVE ME AND SAVE YOO!
GOT IT?
HUFF
I HAVE TO FINISH THINGS WITH THAT BASTARD
NO MATTER THE OUTCOME I HAVE TO
AHHHHH
GET AN ANSWER FROM HIM!

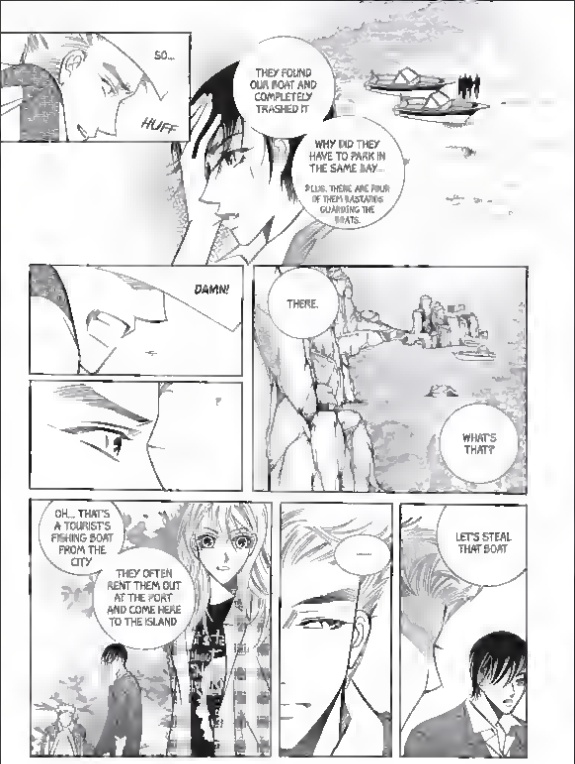
SO DON'T GET
IN MY WAY!

SLURRRP
AHHHHHHHA
THERE!
EEH


KRACK!!
PLOONK
OH, DAMN!

30. ESCAPE




SO...
HUFF
THEY FOUND OUR BOAT AND COMPLETELY TRASHED IT
WHY DID THEY HAVE TO PARK IN THE SAME BAY...
PLUS, THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM BASTARDS GUARDING THE BOATS.
DAMN!
THERE.
WHAT'S THAT?
OH... THAT'S A TOURIST'S FISHING BOAT FROM THE CITY
THEY OFTEN RENT THEM OUT AT THE PORT AND COME HERE TO THE ISLAND
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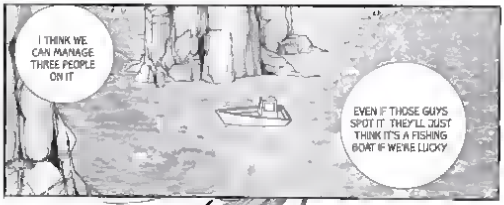
LET'S STEAL THAT BOAT


I THINK WE CAN MANAGE THREE PEOPLE ON IT
EVEN IF THOSE GUYS SPOT IT THEY'LL JUST THINK IT'S A FISHING BOAT IF WE'RE LUCKY

...

NO.
WHAT?!

AND LEAVE THE FISHERMAN AND THE TOURIST ON THIS ISLAND...
WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE THUGS MIGHT DO WHEN WE'VE PUSHED THEM SO FAR?
WHAT YOU THINK YOU WOULD AGREE TO THAT?

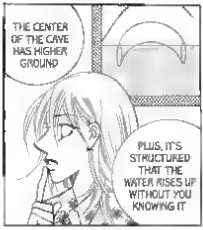
NO, IF YOU PULL THAT KINDA CRAP, SHE WON'T EVER FORGIVE YOU.
DID YA JUST SAY?
WHAT THE HELL...
FIND ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE, RIM CHOI.
HE, HEY YOU!
YOU'RE NOT SAOM 6?! RIGHTS SHOW YOUR TRUE NATURE!
DON'T WORRY SO MUCH.
TAP-
OH, NO...
I WAS JUST THINKING
ABOUT WHAT?

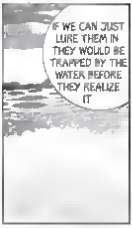
THE TIDE WILL COME IN SOON AND THEN...
SPLASH-
SPLASH-

THE CAVE WILL GO UNDERWATER.

...?

SO YOU'RE SAYING...
THAT WE LURE THOSE GUYS INTO THE CAVE WHEN THE TIDE COMES IN?


THE CENTER OF THE CAVE HAS HIGHER GROUND
PLUS, IT'S STRUCTURED THAT THE WATER RISES UP WITHOUT YOU KNOWING IT


IF WE CAN JUST LURE THEM IN THEY WOULD BE TRAPPED BY THE WATER BEFORE THEY REALIZE IT

...THAT'S NOT A BAD IDEA. BUT
HOW THE HELL WOULD WE LURE THEM IN?

I'LL BE THE BAIT

NO WAY!

THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF ME.

I THINK I HAVE TO TAKE THIS RISK

AND... IT WON'T WORK IF IT'S NOT ME.

IT'S A TINY DESERTED ISLAND!

YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING! WHERE COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE?

THIS IS WHERE THAT BITCH WAS LIVING FOR A WHOLE YEAR.
IF SHE'S HOLED UP IN SOME SECRET HIDING PLACE THAT ONLY SHE KNOWS ABOUT...
YEAH.
SHIT!
DON'T WORRY BOSS.
IN ANY CASE, THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITHOUT COMING TO THIS BAY
TIME WILL WORK EVERYTHING OUT
RUSTLE-
IT... IT'S THEM!

PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
PTANG
KYAHHH
WHUMP
TOUCHED
I GOT HIM..
I REALLY GOT HIM...

DUNT
DUNT
MOVE IT!
TA
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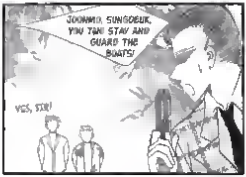
JOONHO, SUNGOEUN, YOU TOO! STAY AND GUARD THE BOATS!
YES, SIR!

PLOMP
PLOMP

HUH! IT'S DARK!

BOSS, THERE!

PHANG
TING
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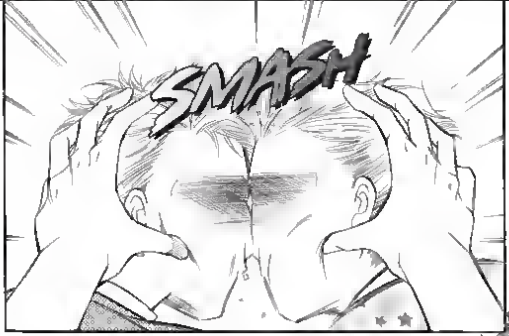
IDIOTS! DON'T SHOOT INSIDE THE CAVE!
AFTER HER. NOW!
YO I HEARD THAT IT'S LIKE THIS IF THAT GIRL GETS CAUGHT
SLIT
YEAH THAT'S WHAT I HEARD
WHAT. A WASTE. SHE LOOKED PRETTY HOT.
YOU THERE
SWWOOO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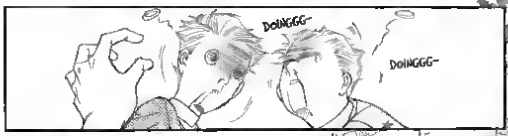
DOINGGG~
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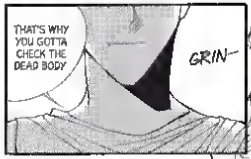
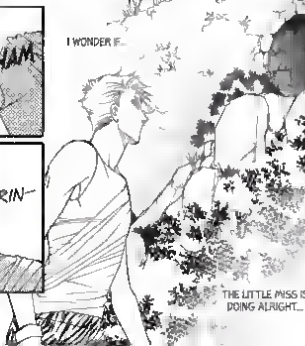
KA-THUM
PHAM


THAT'S WHY YOU GOTTA CHECK THE DEAD BODY
GRIN~


I WONDER IF...
THE LITTLE MISS IS DOING ALRIGHT...

THAT WAY
PAT
HA-WHUP
SPLASH

YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE CAVE INSIDE OUT IN ORDER TO SWIM OUT UNDER THE WATER.

AND I DO BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S DONE IT BEFORE... AND I'VE DONE IT A LOT

THAT'S WHY IT HAS TO BE ME.

WHA... WHAT IS THIS?!

GO AFTER HER! NOW!

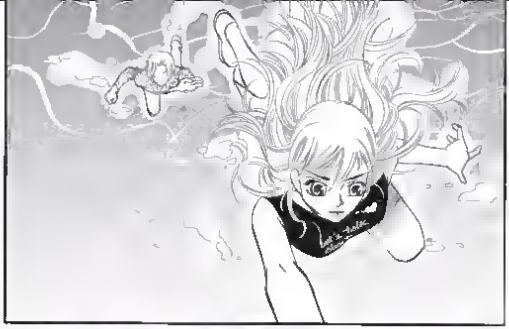
BUT THAT'S TOO FAST.

OH... BUT THE WATER.

WE WON'T EVEN KNOW HOW DEEP THE WATER.

I STINK LIKE A ROCK.

BOSS, I CAN SWIM A LITTLE!
THAT'S A GOOD BOY!
WAIT... COULD IT BE...?!
HEY! GO BACK AND CHECK THE ENTRANCE!
YES! YES SIR...
BOSS! WHAT THE HELL?!
THE SEAWATER'S BLOCKED THIS SIDE TOO!
HOLY CRAP!
THEY GOT US!
IT WAS A TRAP!

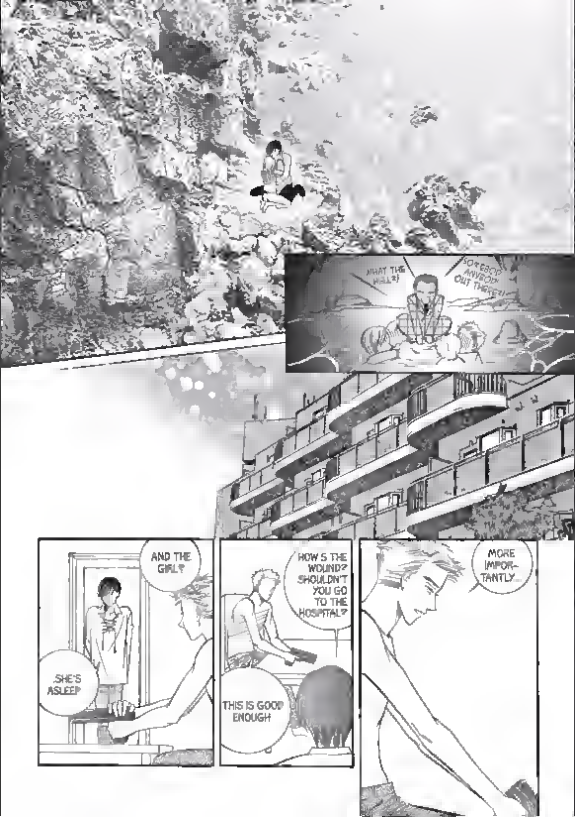


GRIP

GGGRRRDDD—!

GGRRROOO
GGRRROOO

KEFF
KEFF


WHAT THE HELL?!
SOMEBODY ANYBODY OUT THERE?!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY
HOW'S THE WOUND? SHOULDN'T YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH
AND THE GIRL?
SHE'S ASLEEP

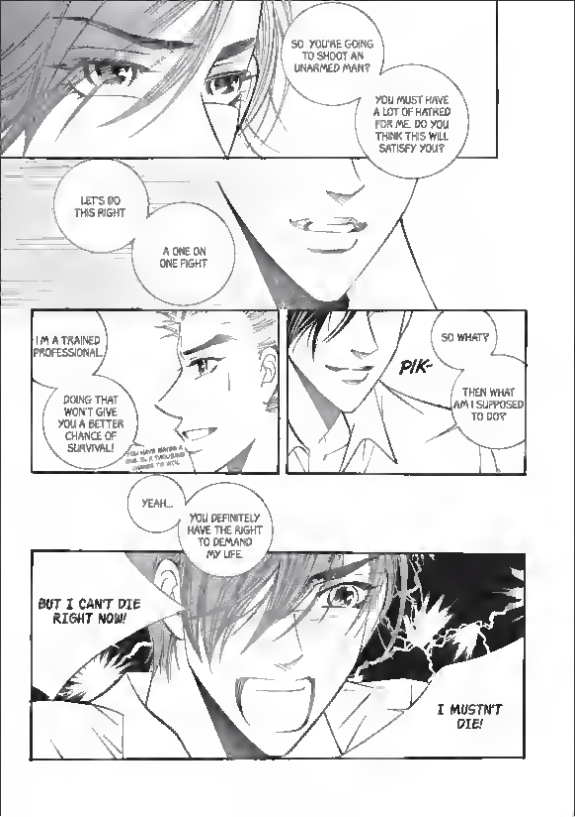
CHUTCH

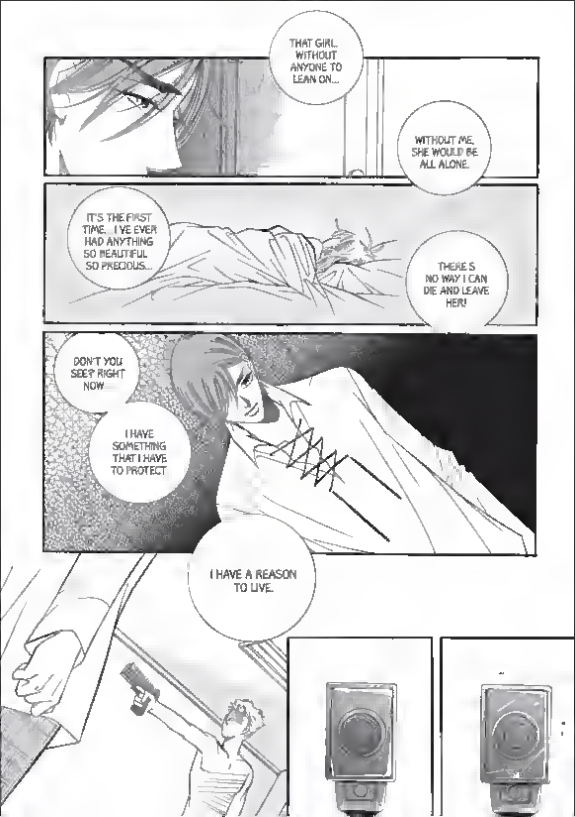
I'VE REPAID ALL MY DEBT TO YOU

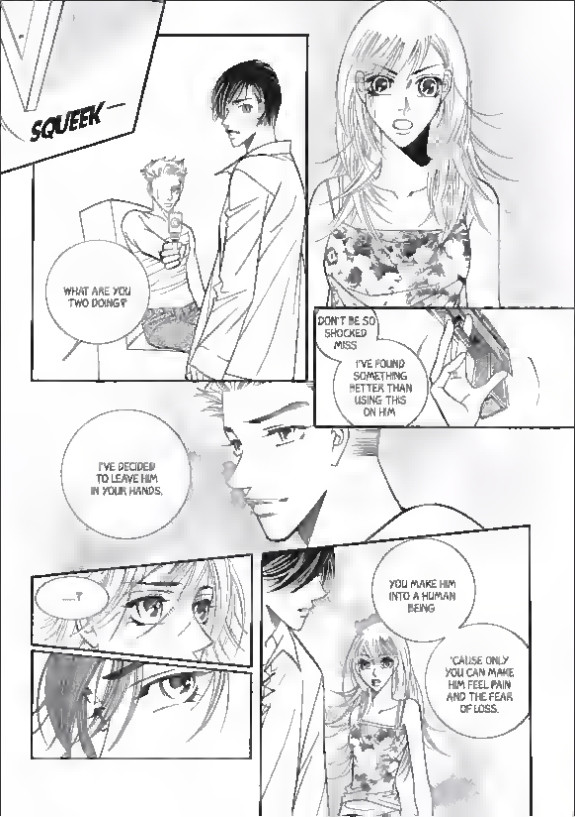
SO NOW IT'S MY TURN TO COLLECT

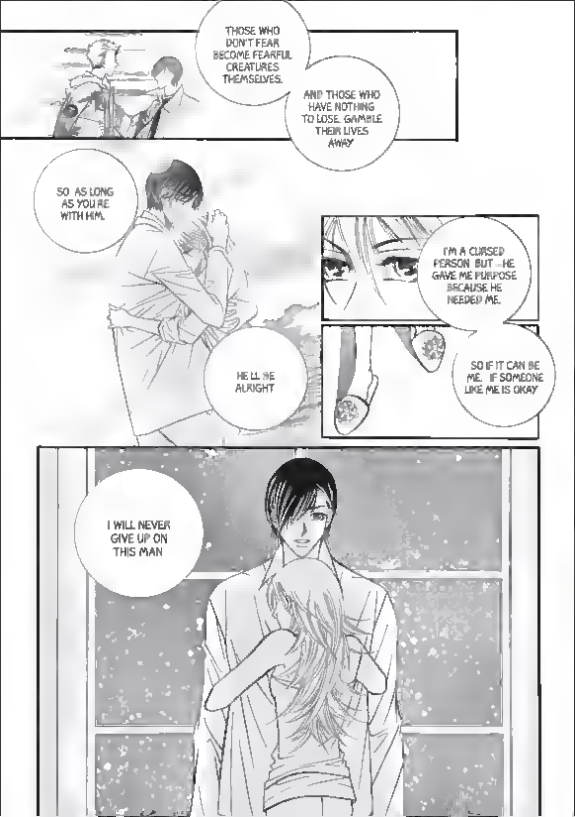
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR LIFE!

KIM CHOL.
THIS IS FOR THE WORLD!
YOU'RE GONNA BE PRESIDENT HUH?
YEAH YOU ARE SOMETHING
BUT YOU GOT NO EMOTIONS AND NO CONSCIENCE. YOU'RE DEAD INSIDE.
NO ONE KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU WILL CRUSH ON YOUR WAY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD.
I DON'T WANNA SEE A WORLD THAT'S RULED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU!
SO... DO ME A FAVOR AND DIE.
BEFORE YOU COMMIT BIGGER SINS. JUST GO CLEAN.


SO YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT AN UNARMED MAN?
YOU MUST HAVE A LOT OF HATRED FOR ME. DO YOU THINK THIS WILL SATISFY YOU?
LET'S DO THIS RIGHT
A ONE ON ONE FIGHT
SO WHAT?
PIK-
THEN WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I'M A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL.
DOING THAT WON'T GIVE YOU A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL!
YEAH...
YOU DEFINITELY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND MY LIFE.
BUT I CAN'T DIE RIGHT NOW!
I MUSTN'T DIE!


THAT GIRL WITHOUT ANYONE TO LEAN ON...
WITHOUT ME, SHE WOULD BE ALL ALONE.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME... I'VE EVER HAD ANYTHING SO BEAUTIFUL SO PRECIOUS...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DIE AND LEAVE HER!
DON'T YOU SEE? RIGHT NOW...
I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I HAVE TO PROTECT
I HAVE A REASON TO LIVE.


SQUEEK—
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
DON'T BE SO SHOCKED MISS
I'VE FOUND SOMETHING BETTER THAN USING THIS ON HIM
I'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE HIM IN YOUR HANDS.
—?
YOU MAKE HIM INTO A HUMAN BEING
'CAUSE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE HIM FEEL PAIN AND THE FEAR OF LOSS.


THOSE WHO DON'T FEAR BECOME FEARFUL CREATURES THEMSELVES.
AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE. GAMBLE THEIR LIVES AWAY
SO AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH HIM.
I'M A CURSED PERSON BUT ...HE GAVE ME PURPOSE BECAUSE HE NEEDED ME.
HE'LL BE ALRIGHT
SO IF IT CAN BE ME. IF SOMEONE LIKE ME IS OKAY
I WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THIS MAN

PA-CHANG
BANG

SHIT! SOME OF THOSE POWER MUSTVE STARTED DRIVING AT THE PORT INSTEAD OF DRIVING TO THE ISLAND!
CLIK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET OUT OF HERE!
NO! ON YOUR OWN YOU...
SO ARE YOU GONNA RISK HER LIFE?!

I DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU ANYMORE!
I'M PROTECTING YOU AND HER OUT OF MY OWN WILL!
THIS TIME, I'M PUTTING YOU IN DEBT. A DEBT THAT WILL TAKE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE TO PAY BACK.
SO MAKE SURE YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE RIGHT, PRINCE.
KA-BUNG
I LIKED YOU... YOU'RE AN OKAY GUY

YOU WERE ALWAYS BRILLIANT SO BRILLIANT I COULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT YOU

EVEN WHEN YOU INFURIATED ME AS I WATCHED ALL THE INHUMANE THINGS YOU DID YOU WERE TOO COOL FOR ME TO HOLD ONTO THAT SCORN

I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK PATHETIC IN FRONT OF YOU

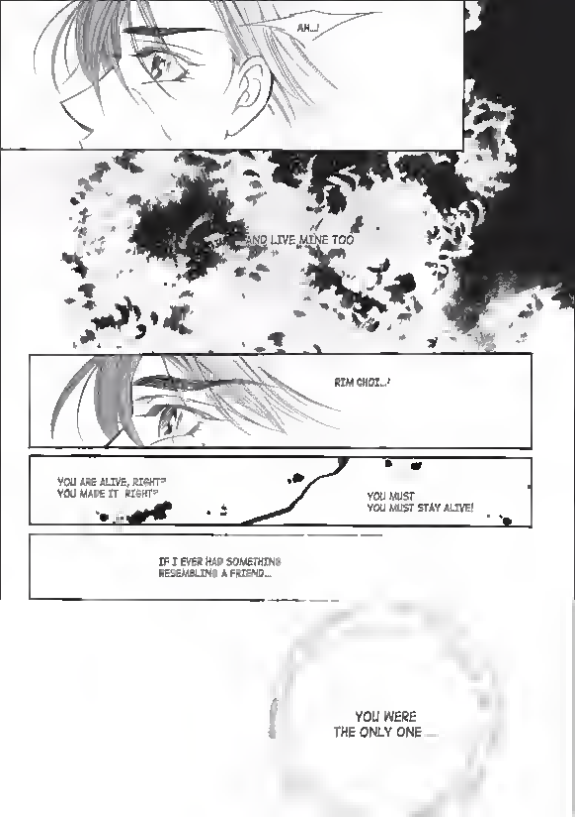
I WANTED TO BE AS EXTRAORDINARY TO YOU AS YOU WERE TO ME.

SO THIS IS

A PRETTY GOOD ENDING

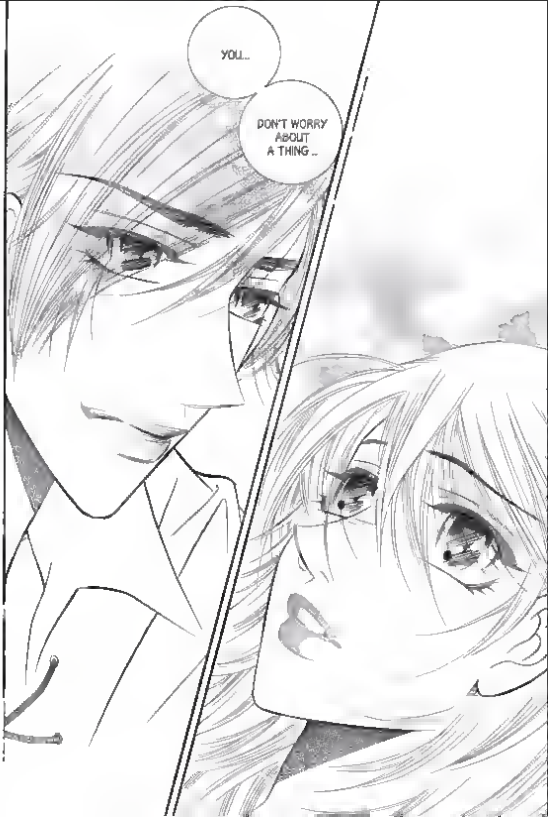
TICK-

SO MAKE SURE YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE RIGHT


AH...!
AND LIVE MINE TOO
RIM CHOI...!
YOU ARE ALIVE, RIGHT?
YOU MADE IT RIGHT?
YOU MUST
YOU MUST STAY ALIVE!
IF I EVER HAD SOMETHING
RESEMBLING A FRIEND...
YOU WERE
THE ONLY ONE ...

*AON...

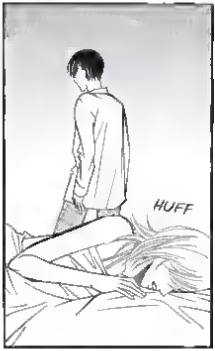
WHAT HAPPENED... WHERE ARE WE?
IT'S THE SUMMER HOME OF SOMEONE I KNOW
I HAD TO DRIVE ALL NIGHT BUT WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE.
MOTELS LEAVE TRACES.
WE SHOULD'VE BEEN CAREFUL. I THOUGHT WE LOST THEM AND RELAXED IT WAS MY MISTAKE.
UH, HOW ABOUT RIM CHOI?
I SENT HIM TO DO SOMETHING HE'LL BE BACK.
AH, OKAY
NNG...!
WHAT IS IT? DOES YOUR HEAD STILL HURT?
UH-HUH.
RELAX... WE'RE FINE NOW


YOU...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING ..

I LOVE YOU...

I REALLY..

LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT DRIVES ME CRAZY



HE WOULDN'T...!
THUMP...
GAON!
YOU ARE GOING TO KILL MY GRANDFATHER, AREN'T YOU?